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Dear Mr. Martin:

Apparently the Bush policy of paying no attention to public opinion has permeated the FCC.

Public testimony insistently informed your commission during the disgraceful Powell administration that we, the public, were sick of consolidated, monopolistic media and wanted a variety of outlet and views.

This public opinion has not changed but apparently it has not got through to FCC--or else you're controlled by the robber baron mentality of the present Republican administration.

The print media are already dominated by business-oriented, cookie-cutter, don't rock-the-boat moguls. TV can be summed up as guns-war-commercials-internal violence. Ninety-five percent of radio is a combination of commercials and warmed over news.

I suppose if you intensify consolidation by letting an owner control TV and print media in a city, you do nothing more than centralize the garbage. Thinking people will find worthwhile media outlets elsewhere.

But the majority will accept the dross they're handed, and public discourse will be what it is now: hidebound, bigoted, narrow, stereotyped, conformist.

That may suit this administration just fine. But other parts of the world are growing, in more ways than economically, and we'll soon be left behind as a third rate country. And we'll deserve it.

Sincerely,

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